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resilient metal, [said graft having a pair of opposed free ends, said spring attached to one of said free ends of said graft].

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

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14. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 wherein [said graft has a pair of opposed free ends, said spring connected to one of said free ends,] the region of said graft proximate to one of said springs [said spring] having a diameter greater than the diameter of the portion of said graft spaced from that spring.

*(Please amend claim 15 as follows:)*

15. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 12 [wherein said spring is attached to one of two opposed free ends of said graft, said graft having a greater diameter on the end connected to said spring than on said end spaced from said spring], said graft tapering in diameter from an [said] end connected to a [said] spring to a reduced diameter and having a relatively constant diameter over a portion of the remainder of the graft.

Please cancel claims 16 and 18 without prejudice.

Please amend claim 21 as follows:

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21. (Five Times Amended) A vascular prosthesis for repairing a diseased first vessel comprising:

a pair of folded, resilient, annular [spring] springs each having a first pair of loops extending in one direction and a second pair of loops extending in the opposite direction, said first and second pairs of loops connected together, and

a tubular graft connected to each [said] spring, wherein said tubular graft has a pair of free ends, [one of said

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free ends being more resilient than the other of said free ends] said annular springs being connected to each of said free ends.

Please amend claim 23 as follows:

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*123.* (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein said tubular graft has a diameter less than the undeformed diameter of one of said annular [spring] springs.

Please amend claim 24 as follows:

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24. (Amended) The prosthesis of claim 21, wherein one of said annular [spring] springs is formed by a plurality of strands of resilient wire having a substantially common central axis.

Please amend claim 25 as follows:

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25. (Twice Amended) The prosthesis of claim 24 wherein one of said [spring] springs is circular in cross-section when undeformed.

Please cancel claims 26 and 27 without prejudice.

Please add the following new claims 52 to 53:

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- 52. A prosthesis comprising:  
a tubular graft having a pair of free ends; and  
a ring comprising a bundle of overlapping windings  
formed of a strand of resilient wire, said ring secured to said  
graft adjacent one of said free ends thereof.--

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- 53. The prosthesis of claim 52 wherein the minimum  
bending diameter of said ring is less than that of a solid ring  
of the same dimensions.--